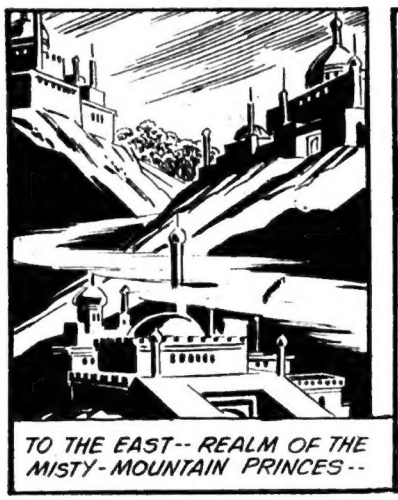
ON THE WEST COAST--MAWITAAN --NEW MODERN CAPITAL OF BANGALLA --


TO THE EAST-- REALM OF THE MISTY-MOUNTAIN PRINCES--

BETWEEN THEM--A THOUSAND MILES OF JUNGLE-- LARGELY UNEXPLORED--
SNIFF SNIFF...

PILOT, WHY DO THEY CALL THIS PHANTOM COUNTRY?
I DON'T KNOW, MADAME. (QUESTIONS-QUESTIONS!)

AT THE JUNGLE'S EDGE MODERN NATIONS HAVE RISEN --

BUT IN THE GREAT JUNGLE INTERIOR-- FANG AND CLAW STILL RULE -- A CARAVAN --

BE READY -- THIS IS KALUGA PASS -- DANGEROUS!
WHY?

A DEAD LION -- SKULL SMASHED!
HOW?
MAYBE A ROCK OR A TREE FELL ON HIM.

WHY?

I TELL YOU -- THE GIANT OF KALUGA PASS KILLED THIS LION -- WITH A CLUB!
IMPOSSIBLE! NO MAN COULD DO SUCH A THING!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

WHAT ROCK? WHAT TREE? IT DIED HERE!
KILLED BY A SINGLE BLOW.
WHO COULD DO SUCH A THING?

THIS IS KALUGA PASS
A GREAT VOICE... LIKE ROLLING THUNDER!
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THE GIANT -- OF KALUGA PASS!
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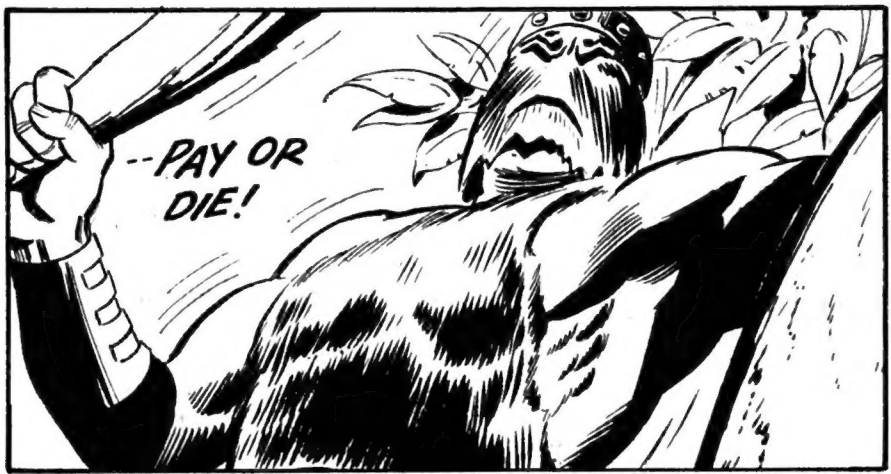

-- PAY OR DIE!

I AM RULER OF THIS PLACE -- ALL WHO PASS MUST PAY ME TRIBUTE.

FIFTY GOLD PIECES -- FOOD AND DRINK -- RIFLES AND BULLETS--

!!!
YOU PAY OR DIE!

MOVE ON... IF HE TRIES TO STOP US -- SHOOT!
NO -- YOU CANNOT!

WE WILL SEE!
MOVE!

NO! DON'T! BULLETS CANNOT HARM HIM!
NO? STAND ASIDE AND WE'LL SEE..!

YOU ARE WARNED, PUNY MAN!

AND THIS IS MY WARNING!

THE BULLETS... BOUNCED OFF HIM... DIDN'T HURT HIM...
NOW I SMASH YOU TO THE GROUND --

WAIT!

BULLETS CANNOT HURT THE GIANT.. BUT HE WILL SMASH YOU AS HE DID THAT LION-- UNLESS YOU OBEY.

YOU ARE WARNED, FOOLISH MEN -- DROP YOUR RIFLES.
??

DO AS HE SAID -- DROP RIFLES -- OBEY OR DIE!
DO IT!

LIKE HE SAID--PAY OR DIE -- FIFTY PIECES OF GOLD-- FOOD AND WINE-- RIFLES AND BULLETS.
DO IT!

HEE HEE-- HEE HEE HEE--

@*☆m#!!

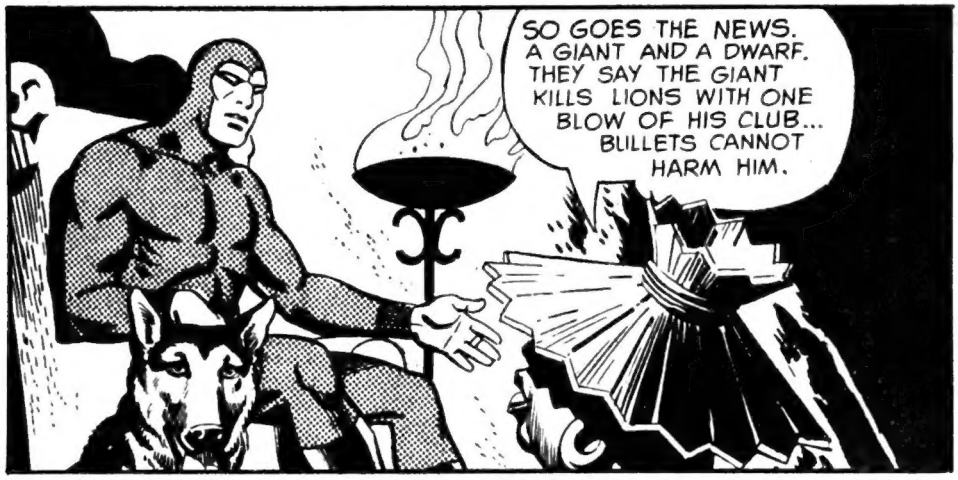
THE TRIBUTE IS PAID -- GO - BE THANKFUL THE GIANT SPARED YOUR MISERABLE LIVES.

ALL OUR PROFIT -- WORK OF MONTHS -- GONE TO THEM!
WE HAVE OUR LIVES -- BE THANKFUL!

SOMEDAY WE'LL GET YOU!
SSHH -- LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE!

HA HA HA HA -- SEE THEIR FACES? -- SCARED STIFF -- A GOOD HAUL INDEED!

TROUBLE AT KALUGA PASS THEY SAY -- A GIANT ROBBER --


SO GOES THE NEWS. A GIANT AND A DWARF. THEY SAY THE GIANT KILLS LIONS WITH ONE BLOW OF HIS CLUB... BULLETS CANNOT HARM HIM.

HMM -- WHERE IS KALUGA PASS?
EASTWARD. NEAR THE MISTY MOUNTAINS.

SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE HAD TOO MUCH BEER.
MY JUDGMENT ALSO, O' GHOST WHO WALKS.

LION -- KILLED WITH ONE BLOW!

PAY TRIBUTE TO ME OR DIE!
SEVERAL CARAVANS HAVE THE SAME EXPERIENCE...

THE BULLETS... BOUNCE OFF!

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THE BAZAAR OF KAZ-MIR-ORA-- WHERE CARAVANS START--
AT KALUGA PASS-- A GIANT AND A DWARF--DEMAND TRIBUTE!
MY COUSIN SAW THEM!

YOUR COUSIN? I SAW THEM!

WE'LL PAY!

TRUE IT IS. A GIANT AS TALL AS A TREE! BULLETS BOUNCE OFF HIM LIKE RAINDROPS!
??!

YOU SAW THE GIANT AND DWARF OF KALUGA PASS?
SAW THEM? THEY ROBBED ME!

"I SHOT AT HIM -- MY BULLETS BOUNCED OFF!"

I PAID! ALL MY PROFIT FROM TWO TRIPS. NO MORE KALUGA PASS!

HOW ELSE CAN WE TRADE WITH THEM?
WE CAN'T-- UNTIL THEY GET RID OF THE GIANT!

NO CARAVANS THIS MOON. WE HAVE HIDES AND IVORY TO TRADE--
WE NEED CLOTH, SALT AND IRON SPEARHEADS!
WHAT SHALL WE DO?

OBIJU, MY SON, PRINCE AND CHAMPION, GO TO KAZ-MIR-ORA. LEARN WHY THE CARAVANS DO NOT COME.
I WILL, FATHER.

FALK & BARRY

A SINGLE RUNNER --NO PROFIT TO STOP HIM.
TRUE.

LATER--AT THE BAZAAR OF KAZ-MIR-ORA.
YOU DID NOT SEE THE GIANT AND THE DWARF?
GIANT? DWARF?

I AM PRINCE OBIJU OF OOGAAN. MY PEOPLE.. THE WAMBESI AND THE LLONGO..ASK WHY CARAVANS HAVE NOT COME.
NO CARAVAN WILL TAKE THE EASTERN ROUTE THROUGH KALUGA PASS.

I CAME THAT WAY. I SAW NO GIANT AND NO DWARF.
WE HAVE SEEN THEM--AND BEEN ROBBED BY THEM!

WE HAVE GOODS TO TRADE. WE NEED YOUR GOODS.
WE WILL NOT COME... UNTIL THE GIANT IS GONE!

ANY MORE NEWS OF THE GIANT OF KALUGA PASS?
NO.. PERHAPS THE DREAMER WHO DREAMED THEM WOKE UP.

REX, HOW ABOUT A TRIP TO EDEN?
WOW--YES!

LET'S LOOK FOR THE GIANT, UNCLE WALKER*
A WASTE OF TIME. HE DOESN'T EXIST.
*FOR "THE GHOST WHO WALKS"-- WHO SOMETIMES CAN BE WRONG.

KALUGA PASS!
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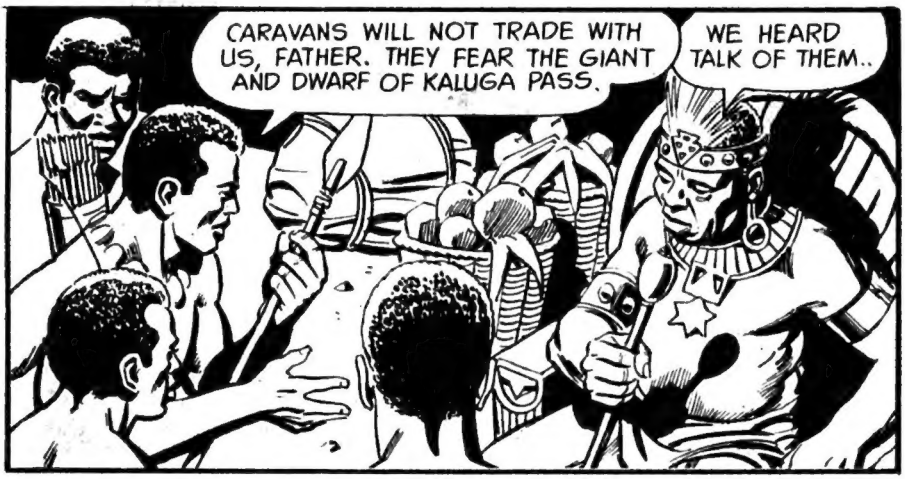
CARAVANS WILL NOT TRADE WITH US, FATHER. THEY FEAR THE GIANT AND DWARF OF KALUGA PASS.
WE HEARD TALK OF THEM..

I THOUGHT IT WAS FALSE TALK. PERHAPS IT IS TRUE GO WITH A WAR PARTY AND SEE.

KILLED WITH A SINGLE BLOW!
WHO COULD DO THAT?
ONLY THE GIANT.

THE GREAT VOICE, LIKE ROLLING THUNDER!
FOOLISH MEN-- BOW BEFORE ME-- RULER OF KALUGA PASS!!
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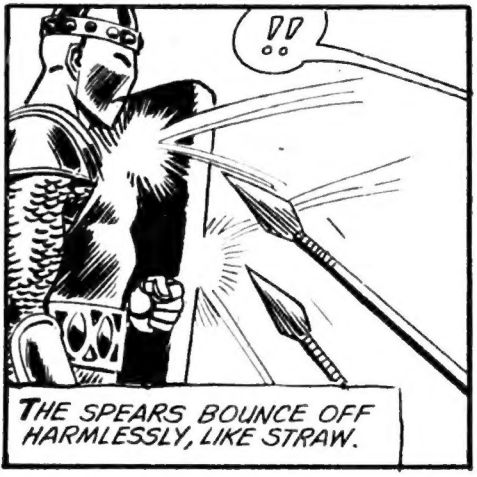
KNEEL TO ME!
THROW!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THE SPEARS BOUNCE OFF HARMLESSLY, LIKE STRAW.

PAY ME TRIBUTE, PEOPLE OF OOGAAN--GOLD--JEWELS--FOOD AND WINE--
OR I WILL DESTROY YOUR VILLAGE AND ALL IN IT!
!!!!

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME!
WAIT-STAY-!
NO--NO!

WE SAW THE GIANT, A VOICE LIKE THUNDER--
HE KILLED THE LION WITH ONE BLOW--
WE HURLED OUR SPEARS--
LIKE THROWING STRAW AT HIM.
HE IS--OUTSIDE!

PEOPLE OF OOGAAN... PAY ME TRIBUTE OR I WILL DESTROY YOUR WALLS.
THEN THE GREAT CATS WILL ENTER AND DEVOUR YOU!

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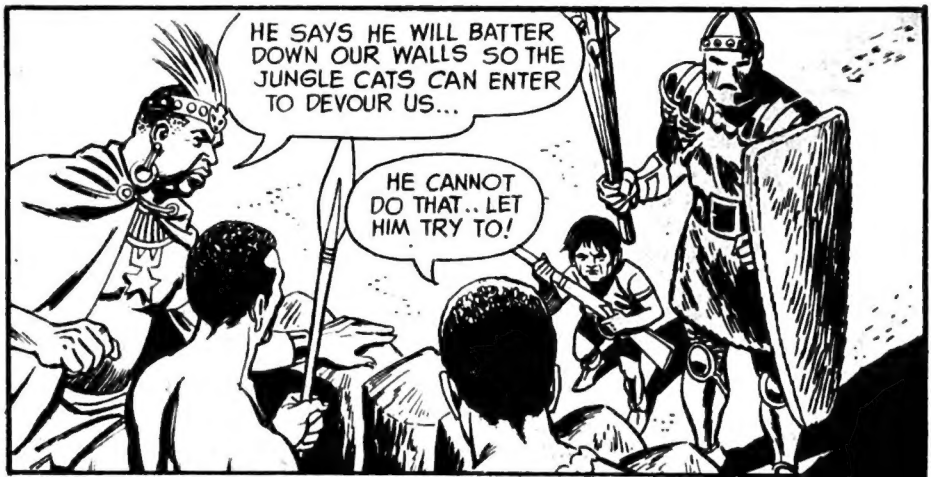
PAY... OR HE WILL BATTER DOWN YOUR WALLS!


HE SAYS HE WILL BATTER DOWN OUR WALLS SO THE JUNGLE CATS CAN ENTER TO DEVOUR US...
HE CANNOT DO THAT.. LET HIM TRY TO!

THE GIANT TAKES PITY ON YOUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN -- BUT HE CHALLENGES YOUR CHAMPION TO MORTAL COMBAT.

THE GIANT CHALLENGES OUR CHAMPION TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH!
OBIJU.. YOU ARE OUR CHAMPION.
I WILL FIGHT HIM!

WAIT, MY SON!
?

BUT, FATHER...
I FORBID THIS IMPOSSIBLE FIGHT. PAY THE TRIBUTE! I, THE KING, COMMAND!

FATHER, THEY TOOK OUR JEWELS AND GOLD. WHY DID YOU NOT LET ME FIGHT HIM?

HE CRUSHED THE SKULL OF A LION WITH ONE BLOW. OUR SPEARS FELL OFF HIM LIKE STRAW.
COULD I SEE MY ONLY SON KILLED IN A SENSELESS COMBAT? NO --

A GOOD HAUL.
YES, AND THERE ARE MANY MORE VILLAGES!

I AM OBIJU OF OOGAAN. I COME TO SEE THE PHANTOM.
WE KNOW YOU AS HIS FRIEND, OBIJU.
HE IS GONE EASTWARD TO EDEN.

EDEN

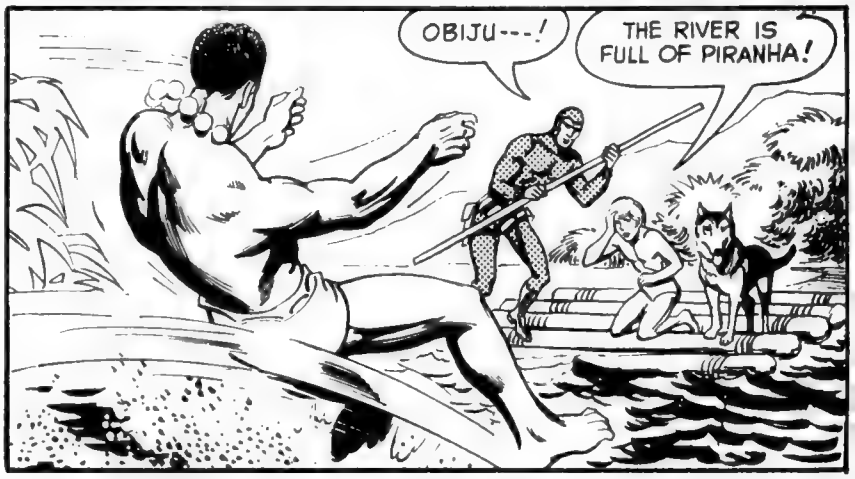
THE PHANTOM'S ISLE OF EDEN, WHERE ALL ANIMALS LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE. NOW, THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR MASTER!

I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ACROSS!

THEY'RE ALL WAITING FOR US ON THE OTHER SIDE, REX.
I CAN SEE THEM-- STRIPES --FUZZY-- BALDY --AND SLIM!

PHANTOM-- (PANT-PANT) PHANTOM!

ME--OBIJU --WAIT--!


OBIJU---!
THE RIVER IS FULL OF PIRANHA!

PIRANHA, OBIJU! GRAB THE POLE...!
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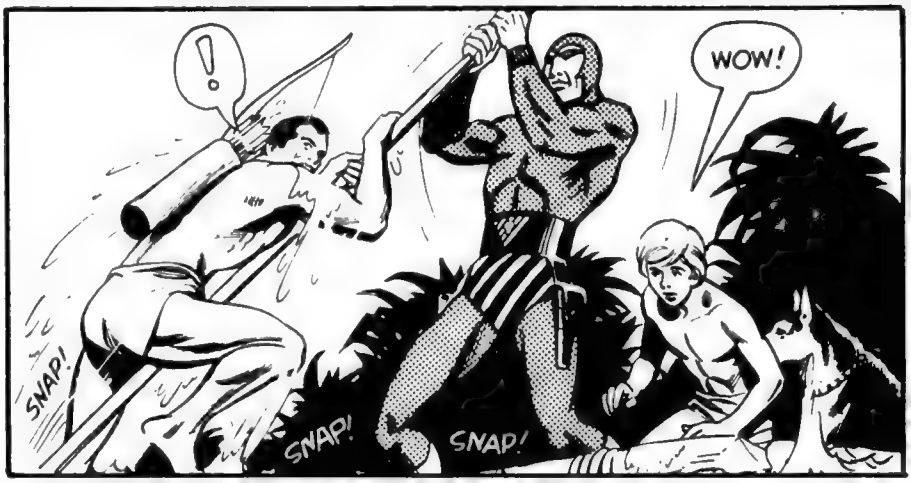
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WOW!
SNAP!
SNAP!
SNAP!

THANK YOU-PHANTOM.

I HAD—TO FIND—YOU!
THOSE PIRANHA ALMOST FOUND YOU FIRST.

EXHAUSTED --RUNNING-- TWO DAYS.
REST--THEN TELL ME.

THEY ARE ALL WAITING FOR US!
THEY MISSED YOU, REX.
?

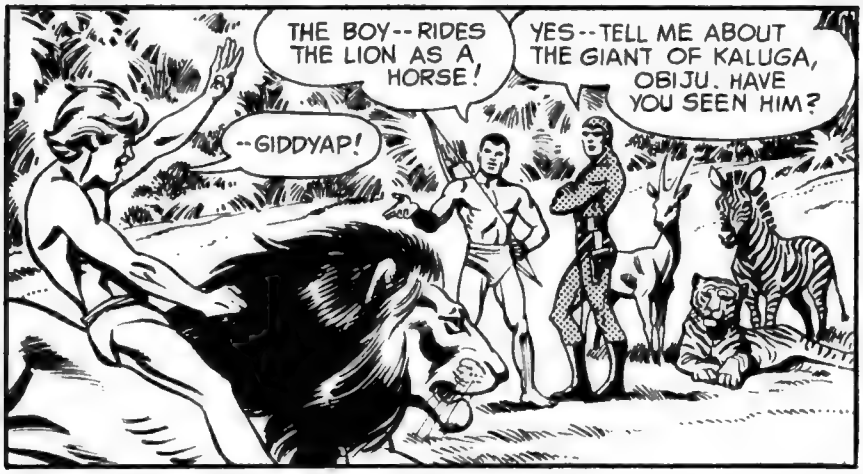
STRIPES--FUZZY--DID YOU REALLY MISS ME?

DON'T BE AFRAID, OBIJU --THE ANIMALS ARE ALL FRIENDLY--
NEVER HAVE I SEEN BIG CATS--WITH ZEBRA--OR ANTELOPE--

OLD BALDY--HOW'S YOUR ARTHRITIS--?
?!

THE HAIRY ONE--IS HE--FRIENDLY--?
LIKE A BROTHER. WHY ARE YOU HERE?

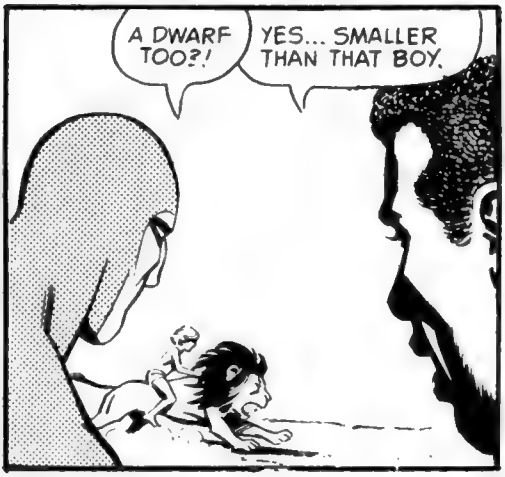
I ALMOST FORGOT--AFTER RUNNING TWO DAYS TO FIND YOU! IT'S ABOUT THE GIANT--AT KALUGA PASS!


THE BOY--RIDES THE LION AS A HORSE!
--GIDDYAP!
YES--TELL ME ABOUT THE GIANT OF KALUGA, OBIJU. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

HE CAME TO OUR VILLAGE--HE CHALLENGED OUR CHAMPION TO FIGHT! I AM OUR CHAMPION!

--MY FATHER THE KING, FORBADE ME TO FIGHT. FOR THAT I AM ASHAMED.

THE GIANT IS REAL, OBIJU?
YES--WE ALL SAW HIM...
BOY RIDING LION... I CANNOT BELIEVE IT!

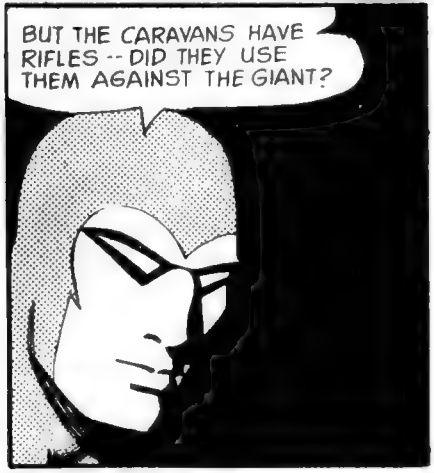

A DWARF TOO?!
YES... SMALLER THAN THAT BOY.

HE WON'T HURT YOU, OBIJU--GO AWAY, OLD BALDY.

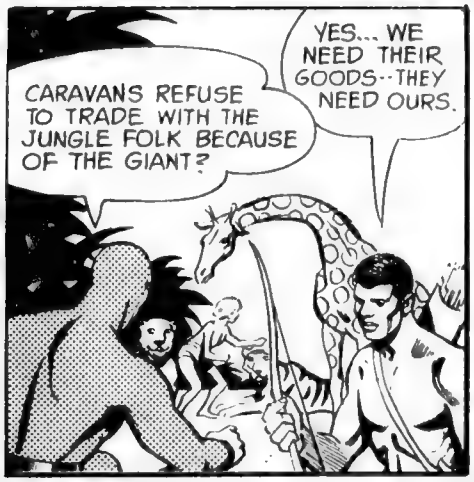
"AT KALUGA PASS, CARAVANS WERE STOPPED AND ROBBED BY THE GIANT AND HIS DWARF."

MY FATHER SENT ME TO THE BAZAAR OF KAZ-MIR-ORA WHERE THE CARAVANS START.

WE HAVE GOODS TO TRADE.. WE NEED YOUR GOODS.
WE WILL NOT COME UNTIL THE GIANT IS GONE.


BUT THE CARAVANS HAVE RIFLES -- DID THEY USE THEM AGAINST THE GIANT?

THEY SAID THE BULLETS BOUNCED OFF HIM LIKE PEBBLES!


CARAVANS REFUSE TO TRADE WITH THE JUNGLE FOLK BECAUSE OF THE GIANT?
YES... WE NEED THEIR GOODS--THEY NEED OURS.

I LED A WAR PARTY TO KALUGA PASS TO MEET THE GIANT.

"WE FOUND A DEAD LION THERE, KILLED BY A SINGLE BLOW OF THE GIANT!"

"WE MET HIM--BUT OUR SPEARS BOUNDED OFF HIM LIKE STRAWS!"
FOOLISH MEN--BOW!
??!

"MY FATHER FORBADE ME TO MEET THE GIANT'S CHALLENGE."
I WILL FIGHT HIM, FATHER.
NO, IT IS SENSELESS.

DID YOU SEE THE GIANT AGAIN?
HE CAME TO THE VILLAGE, AND IN A VOICE OF THUNDER, DEMANDED TRIBUTE, OR HE'D BATTER DOWN OUR WALLS!

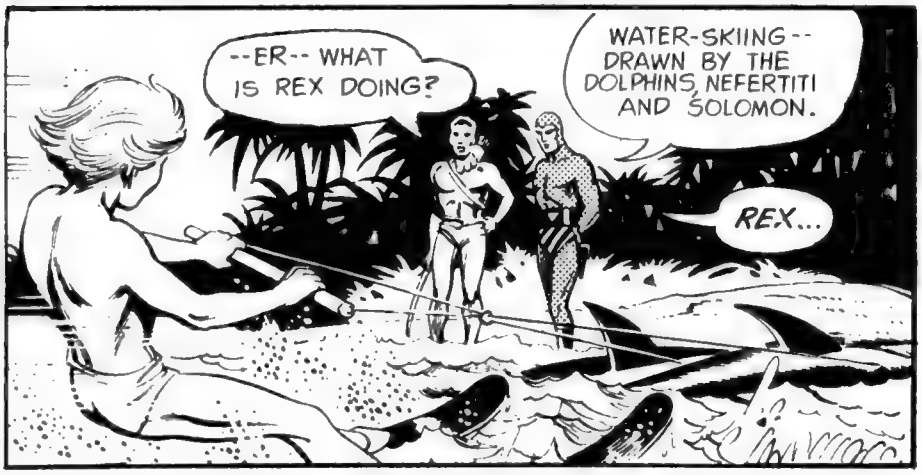
"THUS WE GAVE THEM ALL OUR GOLD AND JEWELS."

OBIJU, DID YOU SEE THE GIANT KILL THE LION?
NO, BUT WE SAW THE LION WHOSE SKULL WAS CRUSHED BY A SINGLE BLOW.

YOU SAY HE HAD A VOICE LIKE THUNDER?
YES, LIKE THE VOICE OF A HUNDRED MEN.

MOST STRANGE-- MOST DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE.
YOU DOUBT MY WORD, PHANTOM?

I DO NOT DOUBT YOUR STORY OF THE GIANT, OBIJU... CHAMPION OF THE OOGAAN.


--ER-- WHAT IS REX DOING?
WATER-SKIING-- DRAWN BY THE DOLPHINS, NEFERTITI AND SOLOMON.
REX...

YOU OOGAAN ARE FIERCE FIGHTERS. IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND HOW EVEN A GIANT COULD STAND AGAINST YOUR WAR PARTY.

OR HOW THE BULLETS OF THE TRADERS BOUNCED OFF HIM.
HOW CAN YOU SOLVE THIS, PHANTOM?

AW, DO I HAVE TO COME IN?
YES-- IT'S TIME FOR THE CATS TO FEED.

THEY CATCH THEIR OWN FISH?!

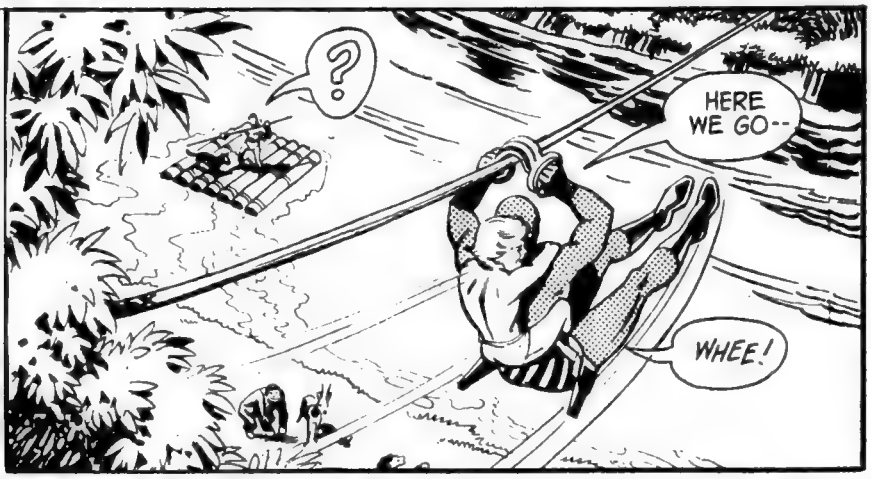
GREAT CATS -- CATCHING THEIR OWN FISH!
THIS LAGOON IS STOCKED BY MORI FISHERMEN. I TRAINED THE CATS TO EAT FISH SINCE THEY WERE CUBS.

"I TAUGHT THEM TO HATE THE TASTE OF WARM-BLOODED CREATURES AS WELL."

FOR THIS REASON, ALL LIVE HERE IN PEACE.
AS WE DID BEFORE THE GIANT CAME.

COME, REX, WE MUST GO BACK.
AW--I THOUGHT WE'D SPEND A WEEK HERE.

OBIJU -- TAKE THE RAFT ACROSS THE RIVER WITH REX AND DEVIL.
PLEASE, CAN I GO WITH YOU ON THE ROPE?

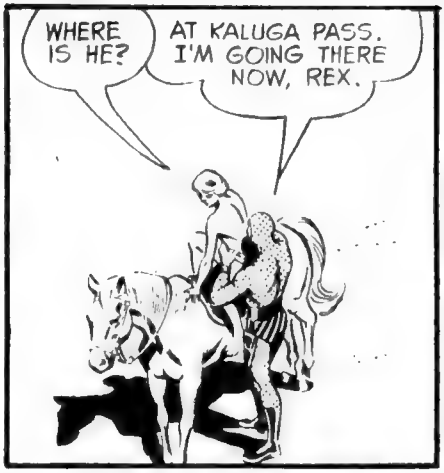

?
HERE WE GO--
WHEE!

WHEE!

ISLE OF EDEN -- I'VE HEARD OF IT ALL MY LIFE -- ALMOST THE MOST AMAZING THING I'VE EVER SEEN --

--ALMOST AS AMAZING AS THE GIANT OF KALUGA PASS.

FAREWELL TO THE MASTER -- THE PHANTOM'S ISLE OF EDEN.
IS THERE A REAL GIANT?
THERE IS, REX.


WHERE IS HE?
AT KALUGA PASS. I'M GOING THERE NOW, REX.

CAN I GO WITH YOU?
NO.

PLEASE, UNCLE WALKER, LET ME GO WITH YOU TO SEE THE GIANT.
NO, REX, STAY HERE WITH MISS TAGAMA.

IS IT TRUE YOU GO TO SEEK THE GIANT?
IT IS, GURAN.

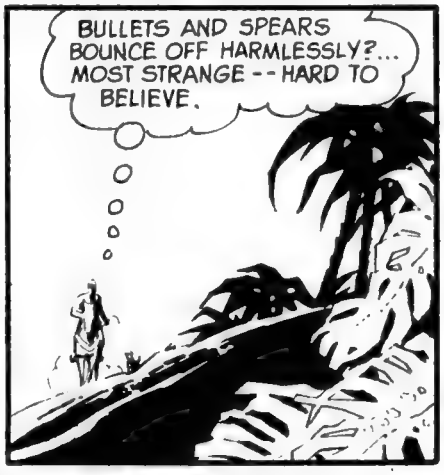
THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO THE DEEP WOODS.
LET ME GO ALONG TO KALUGA PASS...TO MEET THE GIANT AND WIPE OUT OUR SHAME.

WE BANDAR WILL GO WITH YOU.
NO, GURAN, I TRAVEL FASTER ALONE.

FOLLOW IF YOU WISH, OBIJU.

I WILL!

A GIANT, A DWARF, A VOICE OF THUNDER--?


BULLETS AND SPEARS BOUNCE OFF HARMLESSLY?... MOST STRANGE -- HARD TO BELIEVE.

DEAD LION-- CRUSHED BY A SINGLE BLOW? HMM --

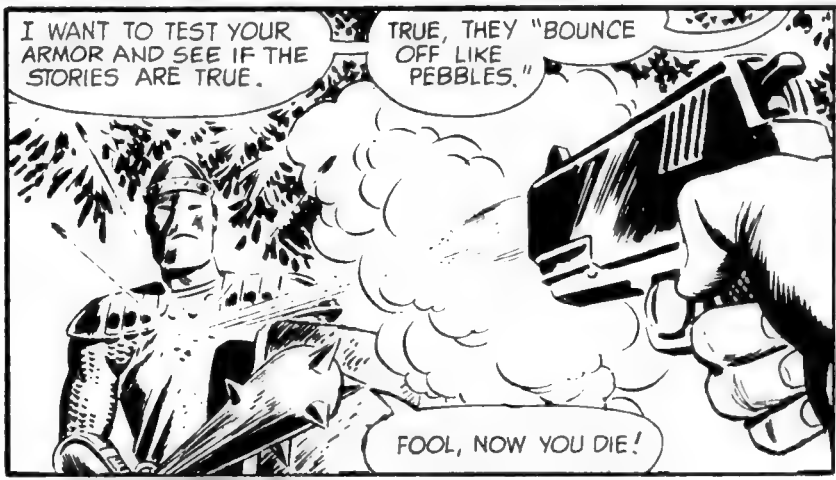
THE PHANTOM-- CALLED THE GHOST WHO WALKS. IT IS WRITTEN WE MUST MEET-- THE TIME HAS COME.

GIANT OF KALUGA-- WHERE ARE YOU?

?!
I AM HERE!

GIVE UP YOUR GUNS, OR I WILL CRUSH YOU LIKE AN INSECT.

A VOICE LIKE THUNDER--THE GIANT OF KALUGA PASS.
SORRY, I AM NOT AN INSECT, AND I DO NOT WISH TO GIVE UP MY GUNS!


I WANT TO TEST YOUR ARMOR AND SEE IF THE STORIES ARE TRUE.
TRUE, THEY "BOUNCE OFF LIKE PEBBLES."
FOOL, NOW YOU DIE!

I RULE THIS PASS, I WILL RULE ALL THE JUNGLE. YOU MUST DIE.
I MUST DISAGREE. I DO NOT INTEND TO DIE.

THE SQUEAKY VOICE OF THE DWARF!
DO NOT TALK SO MUCH. KILL HIM NOW -- UNLESS--
?!

SURRENDER OR DIE, PHANTOM, THAT IS YOUR CHOICE.
SURRENDER? IF I DO, WHAT THEN?

NOW THE DWARF DOES ALL THE TALKING.

YOU WILL WORK FOR US -- YOU WILL BE USEFUL--

HE REFUSES TO SURRENDER-- KILL, KILL, KILL!
BULLETS ARE USELESS AGAINST US, FOOL.

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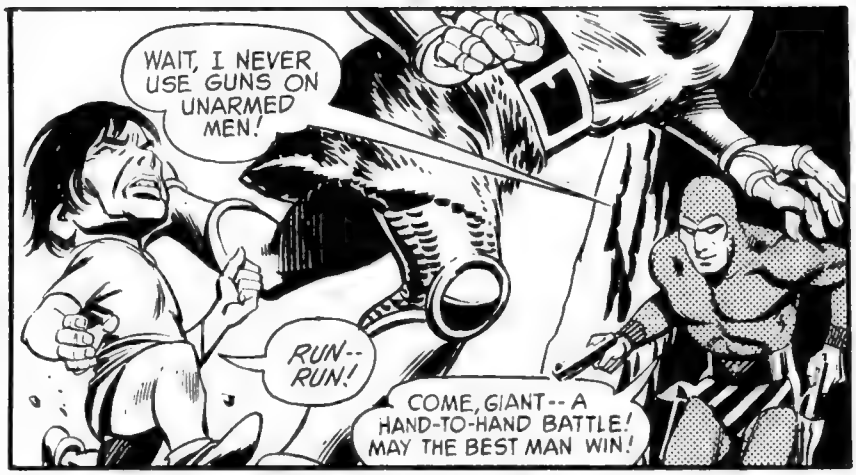
WE'LL SEE!

YOU CANNOT RULE ANYTHING, NOT EVEN THIS ROCKY PASS.


WAIT, I NEVER USE GUNS ON UNARMED MEN!
RUN-- RUN!
COME, GIANT-- A HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE! MAY THE BEST MAN WIN!

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WELL!

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THE GIANT'S CLUB -- AS LIGHT AS FEATHERS -- BALSA WOOD--

THAT WOULD NEVER CRUSH A MOSQUITO'S SKULL, MUCH LESS A LION'S!
HO HO HA HA!
I KNOW YOUR SECRET NOW!
TALK & BARRY

"AND THE GIANT OF KALUGA PASS WAS BORN."

STOP!
!!

NO-- NO.
NO VOICE OF THUNDER NOW--

A SQUEAKY VOICE!
UMPH!

NO--NO--
?
GET OFF HIM!

LET HIM ALONE, YOU BIG BULLY!
??

PLEASE DON'T HIT ME AGAIN...
TALK BARRY

*@#!! PUT ME DOWN, YOU BIG BULLY!
ME?... BIG?

WHO ARE THESE TWO?
LET'S TAKE OFF THAT MASK AND HAVE A LOOK AT YOU!
NO...NO!
LET HIM ALONE!

GIANT OF KALUGA PASS! YOU'VE KEPT YOUR SECRET WELL. YOU HAVE NO STRENGTH.
HE'S WEAK AS A BABY... THE OVER-GROWN LUMMOX!
I'M NOT WEAK!

DID HE HURT YOU, JOEY?
HE MADE ME FALL DOWN AND HURT MY HAND, UNCLE RUDOLPH.

HMM -- A FAMILY AFFAIR.
AND WHAT A FAMILY.

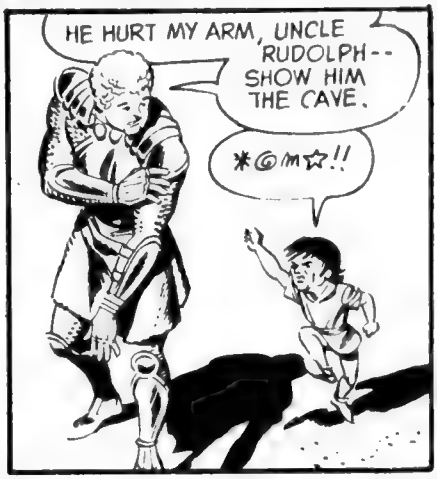
I CAN'T HELP IT, UNCLE RUDOLPH.
DON'T LEAN SO HARD ON ME, YOU BIG LUMMOX!
YOU TWO AMAZE ME.

IT WAS ALL A JOKE, MISTER PHANTOM.

YOU CALL IT A JOKE? YOU ROB CARAVANS, STOP THEM FROM COMING HERE AND RUIN THE JUNGLE TRADE!
LOOT? WHAT LOOT?
WHERE'S ALL THE LOOT?

YOU'VE TERRORIZED FIERCE JUNGLE WARRIORS AND TOUGH CARAVAN TRADERS WITH THIS CLUB OF BALSA WOOD -- AS LIGHT AS FEATHERS.

DON'T MAKE ME LOSE MY TEMPER!
OWW!


HE HURT MY ARM, UNCLE RUDOLPH -- SHOW HIM THE CAVE.
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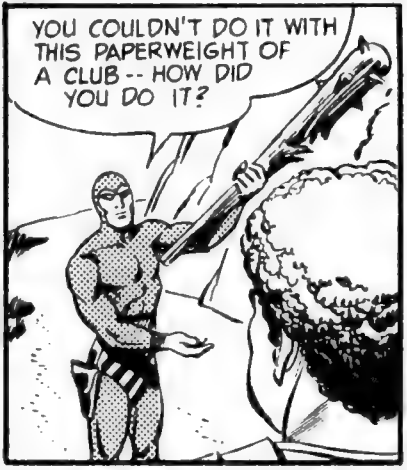
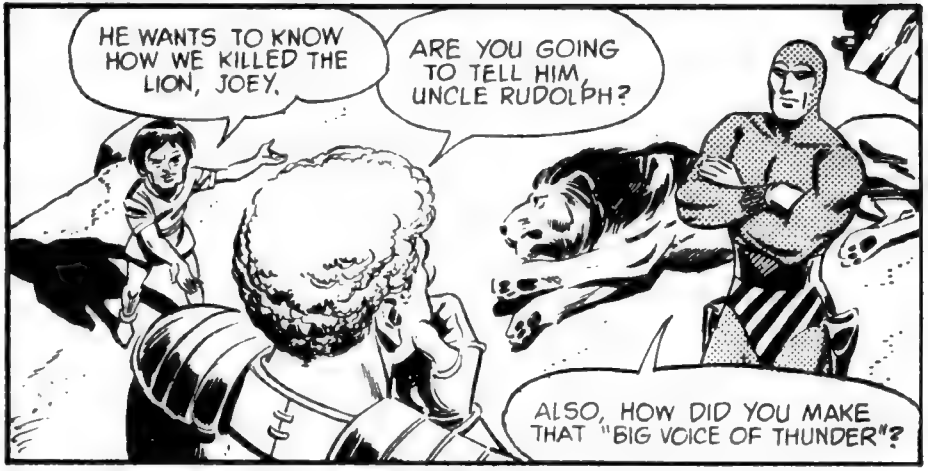
DON'T SHOW HIM ALL OUR STUFF, UNCLE RUDOLPH.
?
WE HAVE TO, JOEY, HE HAS GUNS!

THIS LION -- ITS SKULL "CRUSHED WITH A SINGLE BLOW" -- IT TERRIFIED EVERYONE --
TALK BARRY


YOU COULDN'T DO IT WITH THIS PAPERWEIGHT OF A CLUB -- HOW DID YOU DO IT?


HE WANTS TO KNOW HOW WE KILLED THE LION, JOEY.
ARE YOU GOING TO TELL HIM, UNCLE RUDOLPH?
ALSO, HOW DID YOU MAKE THAT "BIG VOICE OF THUNDER"?

WE'RE NOT TELLING YOU ANYTHING! YOU'RE SO SMART-- FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELF!

I'VE ASKED YOU A QUESTION, EVIL LITTLE MAN! ANSWER IT!
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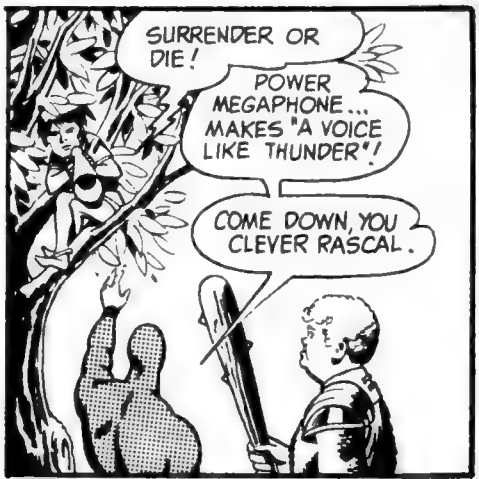
THE GIANT HAS A TINY VOICE. HOW DID YOU MAKE HIS VOICE LIKE THUNDER?
DON'T TELL HIM, UNCLE RUDOLPH!

QUIET, JOEY.
E-YOW!

TELL ME OR I'LL STEP ON YOUR OTHER FOOT.
TELL HIM, UNCLE RUDOLPH!

THIS IS HOW WE MAKE JOEY'S VOICE "LIKE THUNDER"

I'M UP HERE ABOVE HIM... HIDDEN IN THIS TREE...


SURRENDER OR DIE!
POWER MEGAPHONE... MAKES "A VOICE LIKE THUNDER"!
COME DOWN, YOU CLEVER RASCAL.

MORE SECRETS?
I AM THE RULER OF THIS PLACE.

THIS LIGHT BALSA CLUB COULD BARELY KILL A FLY. HOW DO YOU KILL A LION "WITH A SINGLE BLOW"?
DON'T TELL HIM!

WANT ME TO STEP ON YOUR OTHER FOOT?
TELL HIM, UNCLE RUDOLPH!
UGH... YOU OVERGROWN BABY!

I TIE A GOAT HERE--AND THIS SACK CAN BE A LION--

THIS IS HOW WE "KILL A LION WITH A SINGLE BLOW"--
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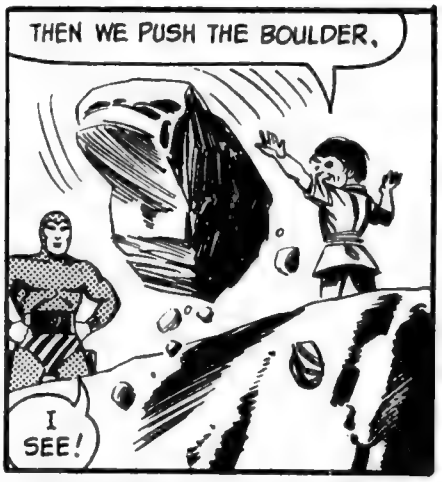
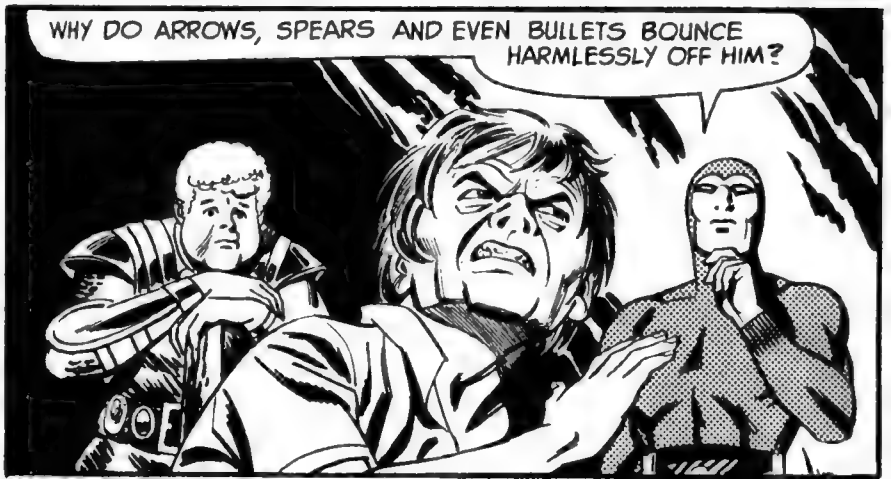
WE WAIT UP HERE UNTIL A LION ENTERS THE TRAP--


THEN WE PUSH THE BOULDER.
I SEE!

A GOOD HIT! IF THAT SACK WAS A LION, HE'D BE DEAD!
OFTEN WE NEED SEVERAL TRIES BEFORE WE MAKE A KILL.


WHY DO ARROWS, SPEARS AND EVEN BULLETS BOUNCE HARMLESSLY OFF HIM?

CLEVER RASCALS--

THAT IS MY SECRET, I WILL TELL NO ONE!

YOU'VE RUINED TRADE IN THE JUNGLE-- IMPOVERISHED THE TRIBES-- AND SCARED EVERYONE!
NO TIME TO ARGUE --TELL ME OR OVER YOU BOTH GO!

"BUT WHEN ARROWS, SPEARS, EVEN BULLETS, BOUNCE OFF JOEY'S LEATHER ARMOR, IT IS NOT A TRICK."

-- "AND HOW HE KILLED A LION WITH A 'SINGLE BLOW'!"
I SHOWED YOU OUR "TRICKS". HOW HE SPEAKS WITH A "VOICE OF THUNDER."

---IT IS MY SECRET, MY INVENTION!
AND YOU WILL BE THE FIRST TO KNOW IN ALL THE WORLD, PHANTOM!

YOU ASKED THE SECRET OF JOEY'S ARMOR... EVEN JOEY DOES NOT KNOW IT... I TELL IT NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME.

"MY FATHER WAS A TANNER... HE HATED ME BECAUSE I WAS A DWARF-- GAVE ME ALL THE NASTY JOBS."
TALK & BARRY

"ONE DAY I DECIDED TO GET EVEN... AND SPOIL HIS TANNING MIXTURE... AND DID."

WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS MIXTURE? -- I CAN'T CUT THE HIDES!

YOU RUINED THE TANNING MIXTURE ON PURPOSE, YOU LITTLE ©%@#!! RUINED ALL THESE HIDES... NASTY LITTLE ☆#@©!!

MY FATHER SAID HE COULDN'T CUT THE "RUINED" HIDES -- IT WAS TRUE -- I TRIED.

THOUGH STILL SOFT, THE HIDES WERE TOUGH AS STEEL. ACCIDENTALLY, I HAD MADE AN AMAZING DISCOVERY!

BY ACCIDENT, I MADE LEATHER AS TOUGH AS STEEL. I TRIED TO TELL MY FATHER --
OUT OF MY SIGHT, YOU LITTLE FOOL!

"SO I LEFT HOME -- I STOPPED BY MY BROTHER'S FARM TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO JOEY."

JOEY, MY NEPHEW -- THE ONLY ONE IN MY FAMILY I LIKE.
JOEY, WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
SOB -- SOB --

JOEY, YOU ©%#@!! LUMMOX! THAT'S THE LAST TIME YOU'LL SPILL THE MILK!
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"LIKE ME, JOEY WAS A MISFIT -- A WEAK GIANT.
USELESS BRUTE -- ALL YOU DO IS EAT -- EAT -- EAT!
FALK & BARRY

WHY ARE YOU CRYING, JOEY?
I SPILT MILK-- MY FATHER BEAT ME--

EVERYBODY BEATS ME. THEY CALL ME USELESS. I GUESS I AM-- I'M TOO WEAK TO WORK ON A FARM.

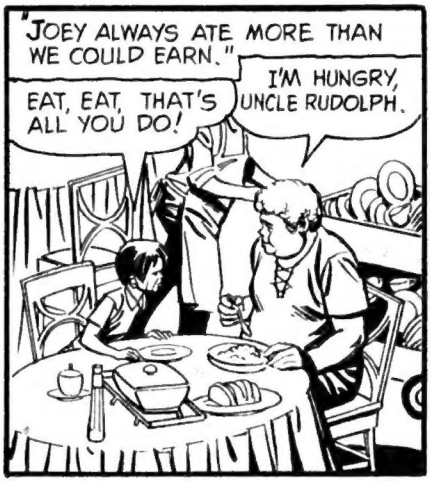
YOU COME AWAY WITH ME, JOEY. I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.

MY NEPHEW JOEY AND I RAN OFF TOGETHER... TWO MISFITS... A WEAK GIANT AND A DWARF.

"WE GOT A JOB IN A CIRCUS."
I CAN USE YOU BOTH. YOU'RE HIRED.

GO AHEAD... SHE WANTS YOU TO PICK HER UP.
I... I CAN'T.
A WEAK GIANT?!
HA HA HO HO HEE HEE

JOEY AND I KICKED AROUND THE WORLD FOR A WHILE... IT'S HARD TO GET JOBS FOR A DWARF AND A WEAK GIANT.


"JOEY ALWAYS ATE MORE THAN WE COULD EARN."
EAT, EAT, THAT'S ALL YOU DO!
I'M HUNGRY, UNCLE RUDOLPH.

"IN MAWITAAN, I GOT A JOB AS A TANNER, MY FATHER'S TRADE."

"WHEN THE KIDS FOUND HOW WEAK JOEY WAS... THEY'D TORMENT HIM... I HAD TO DO SOMETHING."

HELP, UNCLE RUDOLPH!
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"I REMEMBERED HOW I MADE LEATHER TOUGH AS STEEL!

IT WORKED! THAT GAVE ME AN IDEA!
IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, UNCLE RUDOLPH?
I WON'T HURT YOU, JOEY. PUT ON THAT MASK AND STAND STILL.

IT WORKS!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?
TESTING -- WITH A BULLET!

NOW I KNEW WHAT WE COULD DO!
?
IT WORKS!

"I BROUGHT JOEY HERE TO THE JUNGLE."
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW, UNCLE RUDOLPH?
GET RICH!

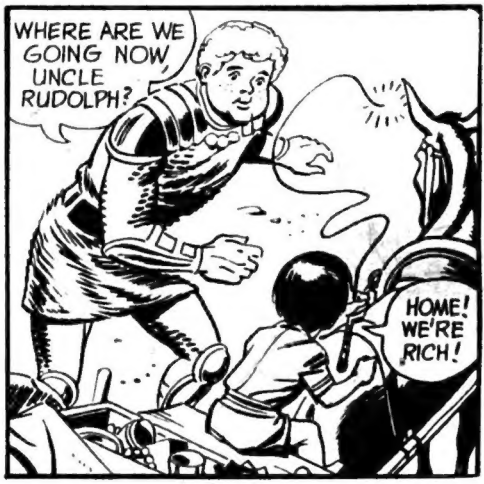
YOUR STORY IS SAD, BUT YOU MUST PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES.
AND YOU MUST RETURN THE LOOT — WHERE IS IT?
WE WILL SHOW YOU -- WE REALIZE CRIME MUST BE PUNISHED. RIGHT, JOEY?
I GUESS SO, UNCLE RUDOLPH.

HERE IS THE TREASURE WE STOLE-- ALL OUR LOOT--
AW, UNCLE RUDOLPH-- DO WE HAVE TO GIVE IT BACK?
FALK & BARRY

YES, JOEY, YOU'VE DONE WRONG-- BUT PERHAPS THE JUDGE WILL BE LENIENT WHEN HE KNOWS YOUR STORY.

LET'S HOPE SO--
UH--

AFTER ALL OUR WORK— THINK I'D LET HIM GET OUR LOOT? QUICK, LET'S PACK IT AND GO!


WHERE ARE WE GOING NOW, UNCLE RUDOLPH?
HOME! WE'RE RICH!

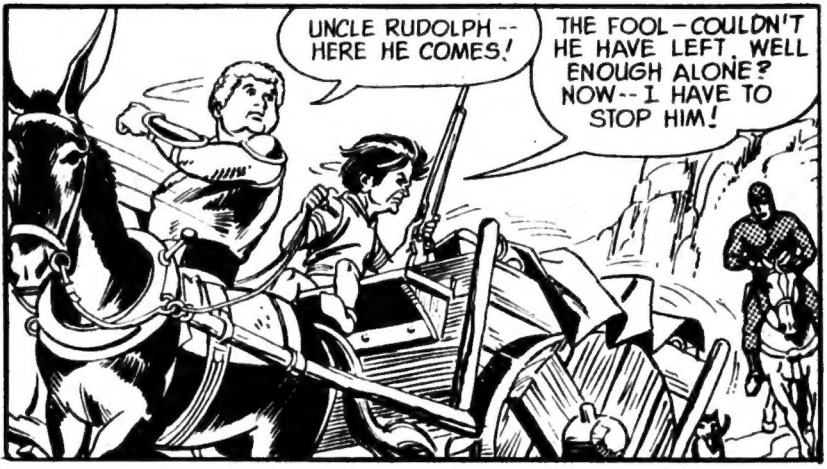
THE CAVE AT KALUGA PASS... HERO AND DEVIL WAIT PATIENTLY.
FALK & BARRY

UH-- MY HEAD--

THAT LITTLE SCOUNDREL-- GOT ME OFF GUARD WITH HIS SAD STORY--
TOOK ALL THEIR LOOT-- CLEARED OUT-- UH, MY HEAD--

JOEY AND TINY RUDOLPH TOOK ALL THEIR LOOT WITH THEM --NATURALLY--

CART TRACKS... HOW FAR DID THEY EXPECT TO GET?


UNCLE RUDOLPH -- HERE HE COMES!
THE FOOL-COULDN'T HE HAVE LEFT WELL ENOUGH ALONE? NOW-- I HAVE TO STOP HIM!

TURN BACK OR I'LL SHOOT!

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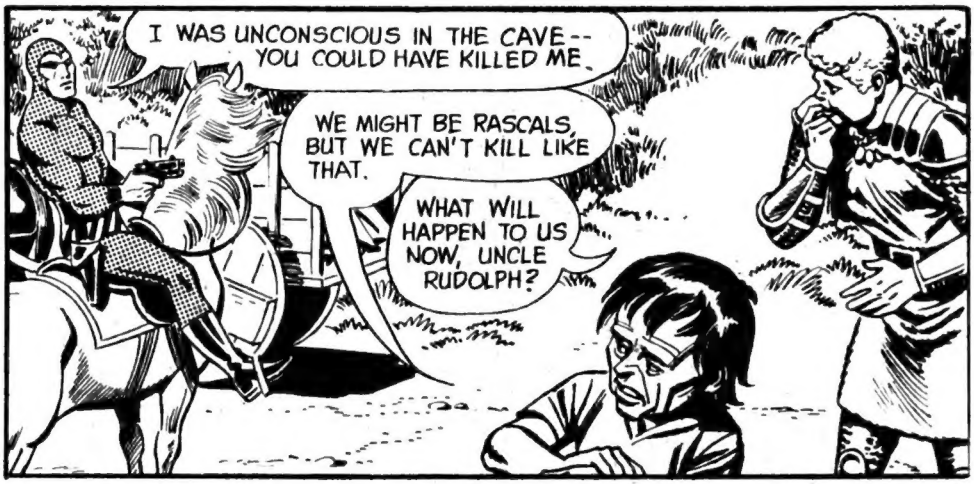
I WAS UNCONSCIOUS IN THE CAVE-- YOU COULD HAVE KILLED ME.
WE MIGHT BE RASCALS, BUT WE CAN'T KILL LIKE THAT.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US NOW, UNCLE RUDOLPH?

--AND I SENTENCE YOU TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON AT HARD LABOR.
UNCLE RUDOLPH, TELL HIM I CAN'T WORK HARD.

CHOOSE YOUR STOLEN GOODS, PRINCE OBIJU.

TIME PASSES--
PRISON
PROBATION-- WHAT DOES IT MEAN, UNCLE RUDOLPH?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, JOEY. I THINK I KNOW WHO HELPED US--

YOU HELPED US GET OUT OF JAIL AND START THIS BUSINESS -- HOW CAN WE THANK YOU?
BY WORKING HARD-- HONESTLY. REMEMBER-- YOU'RE ON PROBATION.

DON'T WORRY, WHEN PEOPLE FIND OUT HOW STRONG MY LEATHER IS-- WE'LL BE MILLIONAIRES!
GOOD LUCK!